

## SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

January 26, 2020

## M I N U T E S

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:34 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present remotely: Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre. Ms. Gallagher and Messrs. Moffatt and Peterson were absent. Also present remotely was Ms. Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business Manager.

Chairwoman Meuse read into the record:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, S.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational/Technical School District Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by accessing the meeting link above. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Shawsheen website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Bills and payroll approved.

LEGAL BILLS

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	01/04/2021	\$1,040.00
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With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to accept the Minutes of December 15, 2020, as written. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

A thank you card from Angela Caira, Guidance Counselor, for flowers that were sent upon the passing of her grandmother.

A thank you card from Jeanne Murray, Receptionist, for a dish garden that was sent upon the passing of her mother.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson presented a PowerPoint to update the Committee on the status of positive covid cases with the numbers of direct contacts requiring a quarantine. Of the 21 cases and 246 direct contacts reported, there is only one suspected in-school transmission. He turned to Class of 2025 admissions and the challenges facing the school due to hybrid learning with no in-person visits to eighth grade students scheduled. On-line events have been planned highlighting the vocational shops and a "Meet the Superintendent and Principal" has been scheduled to answer questions. There are currently 384 applications received with 297 phone interviews completed.

Dr. Jackson also updated the Committee on the auditorium ceiling repair project. The ceiling has been stripped and redone and they are waiting several weeks for a thorough drying to make sure the integrity is solid before taking down the scaffolding. The trusses were installed today with the assistance of a crane on the Cassidy Field Toilet facility, under the supervision of the Carpentry shop.

Winter sports are underway, now halfway through their schedules. Issues are being discussed so that a senior night can be coordinated where parents of seniors will be able to be present. Many of the extracurriculars available to students have also been meeting.

Dr. Jackson explained to the Committee the rationale for changing the March 17 Professional Day in order to accommodate for SkillsUSA testing. After discussion,

REQUEST TO AMEND THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR	Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to move the half day scheduled for a Professional Day on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 to Thursday, March 11, 2021 for SkillsUSA testing. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.
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Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Asbedian, as Chair of the **Policy Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening with Dr. Jackson to discuss suggestions that were recommended for the changes to the policy on Public Participation at the last meeting, and the subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend acceptance by the full committee.

UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY	Motion made by Ms. Asbedian, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the changes to policy BEDH, Public Participation which was updated to reflect changes requested. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.
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New Business

FY22-26 CAPITAL  
BUDGET APPROVAL

Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve the FY22 Capital Budget of \$1,217,542 of which \$1,035,114 will be assessed to member communities in Fiscal Year 2022, which becomes part of the FY2022 school budget and the remainder of \$182,428 from revolving funds, grants and budget surpluses, if available. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Superintendent evaluations to be sent to Committee members
- Discussion on an extension of the Superintendent-Director contract at the February meeting.
- Program of Studies, with more of an emphasis on Civics was a suggestion to be included.
- Out of State Field Trip request

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation which if discussed in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the public body. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. stating they would not return to public session and would adjourn from Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

Taryn Gillis  
Secretary